

The latest attempt by Sinclair Broadcasting to enforce its views over the public airwaves demonstrates the absurdity of the current posture of the media's supposed "watchdog". Sinclair's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Where is the balance in presenting big media's slant on Party politics? Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.